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MRS. LOUISE THORESEN DISCUSSES HER HUSBAND
She tried to get him to collect books, instead of guns

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All Those Guns Just a 'Fetish'

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The little family of William Thoresen III is perfectly normal, except that Thoresen has a "fetish" about guns.

This was the stout claim yesterday of J. W. Ehrlich, attorney for the wealthy young couple.

Mrs. Thoresen, 30, was arrested Friday—for possession of illegal weapons—in her Pacific Heights mansion bulging with weapons—rifles, shotguns, hand guns, sub-machine guns, bazookas, flame throwers and what-not. Her husband is in the cast.

A petite brunet with limpid blue eyes, Mrs. Thoresen stood in the uncarpeted hallway of the stately home at 2801 Broadway to chat with an Examiner reporter. Cardboard cartons were stacked by the stairs and on an upstairs railing were stacks of newspapers.

NO CHAIRS

The doors to all rooms were closed and the only place to sit was the elegant, carpeted stairway or a kitchen stepladder.

"I guess right now," she said, "I don't have any feelings about this. It's just one of those days when I wish I hadn't got up."

Mrs. Thoresen, who has had other brushes with the law, refused to answer even the simplest questions about her most recent encounter.

She said she cannot remember the Indiana town in which she and Thoresen were married some seven years ago.

TRAVELLING

The Pacific Heights mansion — although unfurnished — is the Thoresens' permanent address, but they have done "quite a bit of traveling. It seems to be nicer other places," she said.

ing upstairs," frolicked on the stairs, eating corn chips.

On the advice of Ehrlich, Mrs. Thoresen refused to discuss guns, her husband's penchant for them or even where she was when the Federal officers rang her doorbell Friday afternoon.

But she would discuss her husband, to whom she spoke for some 10 minutes on the phone during the interview.

'WELL READ'

"He's good looking," she said, brushing a hand down the lapels of her checked jacket. "He's an intelligent person, well read. I think he's a good man."

On the other hand, the debonair Ehrlich had a lot to say:

"He's a harmless guy. He stutters, you see. He's always buying guns. It runs into the thousands, perhaps \$250,000."

"But this is a conspiracy. Apparently somebody willfully fingered Thoresen."

"A woman with a little child doesn't have too far to run."

Then Ehrlich leaned across his desk, glasses in hand to emphasize a point:

"My associates in the east have informed me that some of the weapons came from a governmental institution."